

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho Code § 19-4708 authorizes clerks of the district court, with the approval of the administrative district judge, to enter into contracts with collection services for the collection of debts owed to the courts in criminal cases, including fines, court costs, fees, and restitution to victims of crimes. This bill would enable the Supreme Court to enter into contracts with collection services for the collection of these debts on a statewide basis. This will provide an option for collecting these debts that may be more efficient and effective. In this way, more of the debts owed to state agencies by criminal offenders may be collected, and more victims of crime may receive the restitution they are owed.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may result in increased collection of court costs and fees with a resulting benefit to the general fund. The extent of this increased collection of costs and fees cannot be exactly determined.

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